
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 151

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

Reasonable excuse

5. [^{F1}For the purposes of regulation 4(1), 4A(1), 4B(1) or 4C,] a reasonable excuse includes—
- (a) the need to seek medical assistance;
 - (b) the need to provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person, including to provide emergency assistance;
 - (c) the need to avoid injury, illness or to escape a risk of harm;
 - [^{F2}(d) where the person cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering by reason of any disability (within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995), in which case the person must provide, on request from a relevant person or a person acting in the course of their employment, proof of exemption on medical grounds;]
 - (e) the need to communicate with a person who has difficulties communicating (in relation to speech, language or otherwise);
 - (f) to eat or drink, where reasonably necessary;
 - (g) the need to take medication;
 - (h) the need to remove a face covering temporarily to comply with a request by a relevant person or another person acting in the course of their duties.
 - [^{F3}(i) where a person responsible for a relevant place or an employee of that person acting in the course of their employment, has asked that the face covering be removed for identification purposes.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 5 substituted (24.5.2021) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings\) \(Amendment No. 2\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/131\)](#), regs. 1, **2(7)**
- F2** [Reg. 5\(d\)](#) substituted (27.12.2021 at 6.00 a.m.) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings\) \(Amendment\) \(No.8\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/348\)](#), regs. 1, **6**
- F3** [Reg. 5\(i\)](#) inserted (10.8.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/164\)](#), regs. 1, **2(4)(b)** (with reg. 3); S.R. 2020/169, reg. 2

Status:

Point in time view as at 27/12/2021. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020, Section 5 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 10 September 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.